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**Subject – New England States Streamlined DBE Certification Process**

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The New England States (CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME) have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement allowing for a streamlined Interstate DBE Certification Process. In order for a firm to be eligible, the firm must currently be DBE certified in their home state, and their home state must be one of the six (6) New England states listed above. The process greatly reduces the amount of paperwork required for firms applying for DBE certification in any of the participating New England states.

The intent of the new process is to increase the number of DBE firms in each of the New England states and to increase the number of firms available to satisfy contract DBE goals. Please encourage DBE firms that you may do business with, or may want to do business with that are located in other New England States, to obtain DBE certification in Connecticut using the streamlined process. We also ask that contractors encourage firms whose home state is Connecticut, to obtain certification in the other New England states so that contractors can use them to satisfy contract DBE goals in those states.

All interstate applicants must meet the DBE eligibility requirements pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26 Subpart D. The streamlined process is not reciprocity and does not guarantee certification. Eligibility will be determined using the requirements under 49 CFR 26.55 Interstate Certification.

All New England DBE firms seeking certification under the streamlined process are encouraged to contact Ms. Shari Pratt, Certification Manager, Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Contract Compliance at (860) 594-2171 or [shari.pratt@ct.gov](mailto:shari.pratt@ct.gov) to obtain additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory D. Straka".

Gregory D. Straka  
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